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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear [the Examiner's] reasons for allowing a claim or claims." 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e). In the present case, the Applicants believe the record as a whole does make clear the reasons for allowance and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. While the Applicants believe the claims are allowable, the Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides solely in the specific feature or combination of features identified, or that each feature or combination of features identified is required for patentability, or that equivalents of any specifically recited feature is outside the scope of the allowed

claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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